

Northwest Workforce Development Council

VISION: To excel at providing workforce services which assist workers and businesses to achieve success in the global economy.

GOALS TO ACHIEVE BY 2005

Ž Goal 1 _____

Implement the requirements of the Workforce Investment Act by leading the design, implementation, and accountability of the WorkSource system which:

- < *Integrates and streamlines education, employment and training services for youth and adults*
- < *Reinforces retraining and retention of the current workforce*
- < *Provides valued services and dependable results for business and the workforce and*
- < *Fosters community collaborations and partnerships*

Ž Goal 2 _____

Promote the importance of lifelong learning for workers, and a systemic approach which ensures:

- < *All students (pre-K through post-secondary) have a quality education preparing them to succeed in the ever-changing world of work*
- < *Adults of all ages entering, already in the workforce, or in transition between jobs, are encouraged and have ample opportunities to upgrade their skills in response to changing workforce needs and challenges*
- < *Effective school-to-work connections are afforded to everyone*

Ž Goal 3 _____

Create and provide quality, competency-based workforce preparation services which use employer defined workforce skill standards and essential academic learning requirements so that all students and workers are able to acquire skills, knowledge, and abilities required to equip them as lifelong workforce learners.

Ž Goal 4 _____

Ensure business customers are satisfied with results of the workforce preparation system and workers have the skills to be competitive in the global economy.

Ž Goal 5 _____

Promote community collaborations and the awareness and support of workforce development issues, policies and initiatives. Ensure, through formal mechanisms, customers are connected to the appropriate community support services that address their life support needs.

ACTION PLAN 2001

Promote Integration of the Workforce Development System Through:

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- A. WorkSource and WorkFirst integration, and the Council's co-location initiatives.
(Supports Strategic Goals 1, 2, 5).
- B. Develop business services, including a single point of contact system, and the Centers as the place to go for all businesses.
(Supports Strategic Goals 1, 4).
- C. Support each partner in overcoming its specific agency challenges towards fostering integration.
(Supports Strategic Goals 1, 5).

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Commission a Youth Audit (Resource Mapping) for the Region.
(Supports strategic goals 1, 2, 3).

(Action Plan developed at the 2000 Annual Planning Conference.)

